

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/JP2005/006000

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl.⁷ F28F9/02, B60H1/32, F25B39/02

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Published examined utility model applications of Japan 1922-1996

Published unexamined utility model applications of Japan 1971-2005

Registered utility model specifications of Japan 1996-2005

Published registered utility model applications of Japan 1994-2005

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	JP 2003-075024 A (Showa Denko K.K.) 2003.03.12, paragraph 148, figure 15 & US 2004/159121 A & EP 1397623 A & WO 02/103263 A1 & TW 552382 B & BR 210482 A & CZ 20033356 A & CN 1516799 A	1-19
Y	JP 2002-340495 A (Showa Denko K.K.) 2002.11.27, paragraph 44, figure 5 & EP 1373821 A & WO 02/73114 A1	1-19
Y	JP 06-241614 A (Sharp K.K.) 1994.09.02, paragraphs 21-27, 37-39, figures 1,4 (no family)	4-5, 7-12

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

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 (PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority	
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:
 - the international application in the language in which it was filed
 - a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
 - international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
 - the international application as originally filed/furnished
 - the description:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 - the claims:

Nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished

Nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

Nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

Nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 - the drawings:

sheets/figs _____ as originally filed/furnished

sheets/figs * _____ received by this Authority on _____

sheets/figs * _____ received by this Authority on _____
 - a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

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 - the description, pages _____
 - the claims, Nos. _____
 - the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 - the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
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 - the description, pages _____
 - the claims, Nos. _____
 - the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-19	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-19	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-19	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations(Rule 70.7)

D1:JP 2003-075024 A (Showa Denko K.K.) 2003.03.12, paragraph 148, figure 15

D2:JP 2002-340495 A (Showa Denko K.K.) 2002.11.27, paragraph 44, figure 5

D3:JP 06-241614 A (Sharp K.K.) 1994.09.02, paragraphs 21-27, 37-39, figures 1,4

The subject matters of claim 1-3, 6, 13-19 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of Document 1, and Document 2, cited in the ISR. The skilled person in the art would easily conceive the idea of applying the closing member 20 provided with the guide 24 in D2 to the heat exchanger 1 disclosed in D1.

The subject matters of claim 4-5, 7-12 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of Document 1, Document 2, and Document 3, cited in the ISR. A guide having an inclined end face and a guide whose center is deviated from a center of an inlet portion are, as shown in D3, widely known among the skilled person in the art.